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*"It is incumbent upon every member of the Church who would serve, to try to keep physically as well as mentally, morally and spiritually fit, and that can be done only by right living."*—  
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THE TEMPORAL SALVATION OF ALL SAINTS

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IT IS fitting that this great Tabernacle should be occupied to-day in the service of our Heavenly Father, and I trust that each of us here assembled has come with the spirit of worship in his soul. I have no doubt that some of you have already attended service to-day, and perhaps have had the opportunity of bearing testimony in one of more than one hundred chapels that have been occupied this morning by Latter-day Saints in the Salt Lake Valley.

I am thinking now of my own experiences as a child. I remember living across the street from here, and it was one of the events of the week to me to come and sit in this building, which was usually filled by the people of this community. I used to have joy in hearing some of the great speakers of the Church, and while I was but a child, the influence that I found here and the information that I gained here, have been useful to me throughout my entire life.

I have just returned from a somewhat prolonged trip of between six and seven thousand miles, visiting the Latter-day Saints. I went as far east as St. John, New Brunswick, and between there and here met with quite a number of congregations of Latter-day Saints and strangers. It may be of interest to you to know that in some of the meetings the people not members of the Church equalled those who were members. The number of investigators seems to be increasing in the Canadian Mission. The Lord was good to us, and we had a choice time at the various services that were held.

This morning I attended the Fast Day services of the Yale Ward. The house was filled. Apparently every seat was taken, and we had the joy there of blessing children, confirming some of our young men and young women members of the Church, ordaining some to the Priesthood and hearing the testimony of a number of our people who were grateful to the Lord for blessings which they enjoyed.

I mention this because while there the thought came to my mind that I will mention to you. I am going to read to you a portion of what the Lord said to the Church on February 27th, 1833:

A Word of Wisdom, for the benefit of the council of high priests assembled in Kirtland, and the church, and also the saints in Zion—

To be sent greeting; not by commandment or constraint, but by revelation and the word of wisdom, showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days.

Now just think of that for a moment—"in the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days."

Given for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak and the weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints.

Then the Lord continues to tell us the things that are good for us, explains the kind of food that it is desirable for us to use, and then warns us against some of the things that have been most deleterious and harmful.

#### BLESSED TO HAVE SCRIPTURES OTHER THAN THE BIBLE

It seems to me that as a people we have been marvellously blessed. We have not only the Old Testament and the New Testament containing the counsel and advice of our Heavenly Father to the children of men, but we also have the Book of Mormon, a history of the ancestors of the American Indians, or the American volume of scripture, as we sometimes call it. In addition to that we have the revelations, a portion of one of which I have just read to you, given to the Church in this latter day. And we have the Pearl of Great Price, which gives to us an added interpretation of a portion of the Old Testament scriptures, and all of these things have been given to us for our benefit and blessings.

The Lord has been merciful to us, to caution us, advise us and warn us with regard to many things.

Another thing that I might mention is our Fast Day services. A delightful experience that we enjoy in this Church, when we are all permitted to gather together in the Fast meetings of the Church once a month, and to bring to the bishop the equivalent of two meals. Supposedly we have fasted, gone without our breakfast and have not partaken of any food until after we have attended our Fast meeting, which is equivalent to two meals;

and the sum of money saved thereby is supposed to be brought to the bishop of each ward as an offering, that he may dispense it among the poor of the Church. That does not amount to very much, but just estimate it in this way: Take, for instance, the United States of America with one hundred and twenty million people. If all over the United States the people were to observe the Fast Day in the manner I have indicated, and if we only estimated five cents for each meal, which of course is an insignificant meal for many people—a contribution of ten cents each Fast Day by each person in the United States would produce twelve million dollars a month. That would create a fund of one hundred and forty-four million dollars a year that might be distributed among the poor of the communities of the United States, and yet while one hundred and forty-four million dollars might be raised in that manner easily, nobody would feel the loss of it, but it would provide in the wisdom of our Heavenly Father for the care of many of His people, giving them the necessities of life.

In one of our fast meetings in New York a few years ago—Elder B. H. Roberts and I were there—reference was made to the fact that it was Fast Day and a New York journalist came up after the meeting and inquired about this principle, and we gave him the information I have just given to you. He said, “That is most remarkable. I have just been using my pencil and I find that if the people of the United States would honestly, once a month, observe a Fast Day and give to the people who are unfortunate or in need of food the equivalent of what they would eat in two meals twelve times a year, it would provide food for every man, woman and child in the United States and would close the alms houses of our nation.”

#### FOOD AVAILABLE FOR EVERYBODY

I thought of it at that time and have thought of it many times since. The Lord has not provided any means whereby we have taken from us unwillingly the things that belong to us, but He has provided means whereby if we will keep His commandments and take advantage of our opportunities, there will be sufficient available to take care of everybody and feed everybody.

Again, let me give you some figures with reference to some of the things I have referred to. In the Word of Wisdom the Lord advises us against the use of tobacco. He says it is harmful, that it is an herb for bruises and sick cattle, to be used with judgment and skill. But do you know that the figures that were offered to me recently by a statistician relative to this matter, gave me the astonishing information that the people of the United States, in the year 1931, consumed \$3,600,000,000 worth of tobacco.

Now think what that would mean in taking care of the poor of our land during distressing times like this. It was also shown

by this same individual that there had been expended in the United States during that same year approximately \$2,000,000,000 more for liquor—making a total of \$5,600,000,000—that is worse than wasted, because it has not only been used to no advantage or benefit, but has been absolutely harmful to thousands of our Father's children who have partaken of it.

The people receive no benefit, for harm comes to the community from these things.

These are some of the things that appeal to me as a practical Gospel. When the Lord gave this revelation to us He said it was "for the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days." He did not explain to us that if we would avoid these things that are mentioned in the Doctrine and Covenants, section eighty-nine, known as the Word of Wisdom, we would be saving money and could by so doing take care of all our poor, and that we would all be very much better off. I am grateful that I belong to a Church that has received from our Heavenly Father such information as this.

There are many other things that I am not going to take time to enumerate—hot drinks are included—and it is estimated that the use of hot drinks such as tea, coffee, etc., has cost the United States during the year to which I have referred several millions of dollars.

The money that could be saved by refraining from these things could be distributed, if need be, to those in distress, and would not only take care of all the poor in the United States in normal times, but would leave a surplus; and yet it would be provided, not by taxing the people, not by taking from them the things they so much need in many cases, but it would be provided by avoiding expenditure for harmful things, and would safeguard our health, would safeguard our lives, would protect us against many of the things that happen in the world.

#### ABSTINENCE FROM HARMFUL SUBSTANCES ADMONISHED

I think it is wonderful to belong to an organization that has been taught these things, and how helpful it would be if all the membership of this Church, realizing what it means, would abstain from the things that God has indicated are harmful to us, and live their religion with reference to these and other things He has advised us about. We would become the most perfect people upon the face of the earth.

In another revelation the Lord says this:

See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous: learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires.

Cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another; cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated.

And above all things, clothe yourselves with the bond of charity, as with a mantle, which is the bond of perfectness and peace.

I have just read from section eighty-eight—the Lord tells us here some of the things that would make us happy, that would give us joy when we associate one with another, and make us more desirable citizens of the country in which we live.

We ought to be grateful for this information, and we ought to evidence our appreciation by carefully setting our homes in order, seeing to it that we are not wasteful, and conforming our lives to the teachings of the Lord, because if we will do that He can bless us very much more than some of us are blessed. He has made known to us in another revelation that every blessing we may desire is predicated upon obedience to the law. The world does not understand that. The people of the world do not know that we can obtain no blessing except through obedience to the laws which God has given to us pertaining to that blessing. How thankful we should be that our Heavenly Father in our day has thought so much of us as to give us this information.

Then He has taught us to pray, explained it to us in our day—I will not take time to read it to you—but the Lord has given us a commandment (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 68) to teach our children to pray and to walk uprightly before Him. He has explained to us how we may receive blessings through prayer. There are many people in this world who do not realize the real benefits of prayer. Prayer is a power. It has an influence that comparatively few people seem to understand. I will illustrate what I mean by that.

A number of years ago I walked into a charity hospital and found a little boy there. He was distressed. He suffered the effects of an operation and was in great pain. His mother was a good woman and his father was a good man. This little fellow had been lying there for two or three days suffering intense pain, and when I went in to see him his little face was as white as the pillow upon which he was lying.

#### DID NOT KNOW HOW TO PRAY

I said to him, "Little man, are you in pain?"

"Oh, terrible pain," he said.

"Have you asked the Lord to take away the pain?"

He looked at me and said, "I do not know how?"

I said, "Don't you know how to pray?"

He said, "No."

I went away from the hospital asking myself the question: How many are there in this world who are in that condition? How many are there in this Church who do not know that they have the right, the absolute right, to pray to their Father in heaven, and ask Him to take from them their distress and lead them to

contentment and happiness. A few days after this incident, I learned of another one that was very remarkable.

A child who was the same age as the boy I have mentioned—nine years old—had been taken to the hospital to be operated upon for appendicitis. He was suffering great pain. This little fellow had neither father nor mother. He was being cared for by kind friends. He, too, was a charity case. One of the doctors, the man who was to operate, invited some of his associates to be there in a sort of clinic. When they were all ready the little man was wheeled into the operating room with a sheet over him. He was lying there in pain. The doctor called his associates around him and they were about to administer the anæsthetic when the little fellow looked up and said:

“Doctor, before you operate, won't you please pray for me?”

The doctor said, “Why, I can't pray for you.”

Then he said to the next doctor, “Won't you pray for me?”

He said, “I can't pray.”

Then the next doctor was asked, “Won't you pray for me?” and so on until he had asked every man who was standing there to watch the operation.

#### AN UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

Then something very unusual occurred. Each doctor having said he could not pray, the boy said, “Well, then, doctor, if you can not pray for me, will you please wait a minute while I pray for myself.”

The doctor said, “Yes.”

The little fellow turned over on the operating table. The sheet was thrown over his shoulders. He bowed his head before the Lord, clasped his hands, and said, “Father in Heaven, I am only a little orphan boy. I haven't any father, and I haven't any mother. I am awfully sick, and the doctors are going to operate on me. Father in heaven, won't You bless them that they will operate right; and won't You make me well? I know You can, and if You will make me well I will be a good boy and try to grow up to be a good man, to be useful in the world. And now, Heavenly Father, I thank You for making me well.”

He turned over. The sheet was drawn over him again, and he lay on his back and looked up into the face of the physician and said, “I am ready.”

The physicians could not see the child. Their eyes were dimmed by tears. They had had a manifestation of faith that was new to them, and they had to wait for a little while before they could proceed. Finally, the operation was performed and the boy had a speedy recovery.

A few days after that a friend walked into the office of the chief surgeon and said to him, “Doctor, I wish you would tell me of a circumstance that happened in the hospital the other day.”

The doctor said, “What circumstance?”

The friend said: "You operated upon a little boy."

"The doctor said: "I have operated upon many little boys."

The friend said: "In this particular case the little boy asked you to pray for him."

Then the doctor said: "I do not know whether I want to tell you about that or not, I am not sure but that it is too sacred to talk about."

But the friend insisted and said, "Doctor, won't you tell me?"

Finally, he said, "Well, I will tell you."

Then he told just as I have told you what happened. When he got through the man said:

"That was remarkable."

The doctor said, "Remarkable! Why I have never had such an experience in my life before. I have operated upon hundreds of cases, people who profess to have faith. But I have never until a few days ago, when I stood in that operating room preparing to operate upon a little boy, heard a prayer such as he offered. That child talked to his Heavenly Father as though he were face to face with Him. It seemed to me that he absolutely parted the curtain of heaven and talked to the Lord, and I stood there a humbled man, for I was humble at that time. I realized that something had come into my life, a power that I had never before recognized, and I want to say to you that I am a better man for having heard the faithful prayer of a little child in the operating room of the hospital."

#### PRAYER NECESSARY

There is a comparison. God has taught us to pray. He has taught the world to pray, so far as that is concerned, from the beginning. Again in our day He has given a revelation calling our attention to the fact that it is necessary for us to pray. And He has not asked us to do so for His benefit. He has not indicated that it is to uplift Him that He wishes us to pray to Him, but my understanding and interpretation of His advice in that particular is that we may be blessed. And so it is with every commandment that God has given to the children of men. All advice that has come to us by revelation in this latter day is for our benefit and for our uplift, and it is strange to me how careless we sometimes appear to be with reference to this advice that comes from the greatest scientist that anybody knows anything about, from the Author of our being, the Father of our spirits, the One who loves us and desires every one of us to be enriched in life, and to prepare ourselves for eternal life in His celestial kingdom.

Brethren and sisters, are you teaching your children to pray as that little boy had been taught to pray, or are you depriving them of the knowledge that is real power.

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EDITORIAL

HINDRANCES TO INVESTIGATION

To those who are interested in getting at the real truth of things, and in learning all they can regarding "that great divine event to which the whole creation moves," it remains a puzzle why so many people can afford to be satisfied to accept without investigation current beliefs regarding some of the most important concerns of life. Especially is this true with regard to religion, which affects so vitally one's temporal life and also his eternal destiny. It is unlikely that people would knowingly deprive themselves of one of life's greatest joys, but all the same they yield to a variety of influences that prevent them from looking the most important facts regarding their earthly life, and their eternal destiny squarely in the face.

The claim that God has revealed Himself to the world in these latter days has been ringing through the earth for a hundred years. Countless millions have heard the message, without giving it any serious consideration. Yet many thousands, on the other hand, have heard the message, investigated it, and satisfied themselves of its truth. In their turn they have borne witness of the fact to others, telling in all earnestness that they have received a convincing testimony that the true Church of Christ has again been organized on earth, with the same officers, gifts and powers that were possessed by the primitive Church. If this claim be true, and thousands, in face of the fiercest opposition and even death itself, have testified of its truth, then it is the most important message that has been given to the world for many hundreds of years. Yet the great majority of the human family are so bound by traditions and by the hampering influences of prejudice, that they are allowing this heavenly message to go unheeded.

A brief survey of some of the main sources of prejudice may be interesting alike to both missionaries and investigators of the truth. E. L. Clarke in his *Art of Straight Thinking*, suggests five of these sources that are worth considering, as follows:

First, most of us do not realize that we are moved by prejudice. We can spot prejudice in the seventeenth century. We can recognize bias in the life of the bolsheviki. We can see narrowness in our neighbours. But it is not easy to know when we are ourselves biased and blind in our own reactions.

Second, many men honestly believe that a certain amount of narrow-



ness and prejudice is necessary to effectiveness. They think that to be objective, scientific, unbiased, impartial, impersonal makes a man a nerveless neutral in the social conflicts of his time.

Third, most men find that an attempt to divest themselves of prejudice brings discomfort in its wake. There is something soothing to them in the seeming safety of the dark-room of their dogmatism. The white light of disinterested truth is a bit blinding when they first face it. To free themselves of their prejudices may mean a strain on old friendships and a scrapping of many comfortable customs.

Fourth, our prejudices are rarely personal. They are part of the intellectual and social climate of the community in which we live. A thousand vested interests form the soil from which they have flowered. To break with our prejudices means a break with much that makes our community what it is. And most of us find it hard to break with our community.

Fifth, we have a kind of vested interest in our prejudices. We have said them so often that we should feel a bit foolish suddenly to renounce them. False pride holds us to positions we have long since ceased to believe in. Pride and prejudice play into each other's hands.

Such are some of the influences that prevent many good people from investigating the message of the restored Gospel, which, being of divine origin, could bring so much joy and satisfaction into their lives, if they would but receive and obey it. To minister effectively to people bound by such influences presents a task that challenges the judgment and spirit of the most earnest of missionaries. Yet a knowledge of the facts, and a determination to meet them to the best of one's ability, with the assured aid of the Spirit of the Lord, will enable the missionary to convince many of these prejudiced ones of the divinity of the restored Gospel principles.

In view of these hindrances, the task of the missionary is to bring people to a realization of the fact that hearing and obeying the restored Gospel message is the highest call that comes to man in this day and generation. So many voices have been heard, each in its turn claiming some point of superiority, and with but little difference between them, that many people have concluded that they are all alike destitute of the power and authority they claim. Hence the indifference of so many to the true testimony of God's authorized servants.

The true Church of Jesus Christ is here on earth, and men clothed with divine authority are proclaiming the true way of the Lord, by which alone man can gain the light and knowledge he needs, and learn the laws through obedience to which he can gain salvation in the kingdom of God. This supreme fact must be proclaimed in all earnestness, that the children of men may be awakened from their lethargy, break the shackles of tradition and prejudice, learn and obey the truth, take their stand beneath the true banner of their Redeemer, and win the glory and exaltation that is promised those who are valiant for the truth.—H. I.

## THE TEMPORAL SALVATION OF ALL SAINTS

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Are you observing the Word of Wisdom that God has given to us? Are you following His advice with reference to charity? I want to say that at this particular period of our lives we need to exercise charity, not only in imparting of our substance to those who are in need, but we need to have charity for the weaknesses and failures and mistakes of our Father's children.

If there ever was a time in the world when the Latter-day Saints needed to pray and seek to evidence by their lives, that we are worthy to approach the throne of grace, it is now.

With the winter that approaches, think of the men that have been out of employment, and the women also during the months that are past. Think of the number of our Father's children that He loves, just as much as He loves us, who will be in distress. Think of what the suffering will be if we who are more fortunate are not generous with the substance God has placed in our hands.

### WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HELPFULNESS

Not only the substance, but if we withhold from His children the word of encouragement and helpfulness, and fail to visit in the homes where there are so many in need and give what is possible for each one of us to give. Brethren and sisters, all these opportunities are given to us to enrich ourselves and develop our characters, that we may lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. These opportunities are offered to us by an all-wise Father, who knowing the end from the beginning has said, "This is the path, walk you in it."

Let us, as cold weather approaches, as the snow begins to fall upon the ground, look around us in our neighbourhood—not leave it to the Bishop and the Relief Society, but let each of us be ministers of loving kindness to those who will need us so much. And whatever we do, let us not make those who require assistance feel like paupers. Let us give what we give as though it belonged to them. God has loaned it to us. Sometimes we who have accumulated means, act as though we think it belongs to us. Everything that we have, our food, our clothing, our shelter, our homes and our opportunities are all given to us as stewards in the Church and kingdom of our Heavenly Father. And if we will adjust ourselves to the advice that has been given, if we will search the scriptures and find what God will have us do, if we will impart of our substance even though it may be but the widow's mite, we will obtain from Him who lives and reigns on high the blessings we need on our way here upon the earth. And when the time comes for us to go hence, we will find awaiting us the blessing of a loving Father, who has appreciated the efforts we have put forth.

To-day is the Lord's day. When we go from here, we should go to our homes and let those homes be sanctified by prayer, by consideration and by thoughtfulness for the wonderful day that the Lord has given to us, one in seven, in which we may read His holy word; as Latter-day Saints we have not only the Old and New Testament, but we have the other scriptures to which I have referred, each given to us to bless us, each offered to us to enrich our lives, each placed within our reach. Not one of us is so poor but what we may obtain access to these volumes of scripture, each one of which contains the advice and loving counsel of our Heavenly Father to make us happy here and to prepare us for eternal life in His celestial kingdom.

#### KNOWLEDGE SHOULD MAKE FOR DILIGENT SERVICE

Now, ought we not to be grateful? Knowing these things ought we not to go about doing good, and not wait to be commanded in the things we see around us needing our attention?

I think that from the head of each organization in this Church down, yes, from the president of the Church down through the organizations, if we would enjoy real happiness, if we would have all that God desires to bestow upon us, we would continue to do all the fine, splendid things that have been accomplished in this Church by those who have lived in it. We would add to our virtues and to our patience, to our love, to our charity, and all these things that are intended to enrich us day by day.

I stand in your presence to-day, the day that it is customary to bear testimony. I have lived past the average life of man. I have had many experiences. My Father in heaven has been good to me. I am grateful for my ancestors, for the heritage that came to me through those who served Him before I was born. I am thankful for the knowledge that was offered to me when I was a child, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and any happiness that has come into my life during the period that has passed has been the result of observing, in my humble way, the teachings of my Lord. I know that this is His work; I know that we are His children; I know that He lives; that He is the same Father that led the children of Israel out of Egypt into the wilderness and into the promised land; the same Father that brought the Pilgrim Fathers across the mighty waters, to establish them in the land in which we live, and the same kind Heavenly Father who pioneered the way into this western wilderness, and directed the leaders who brought this people here—this same Father has blessed His sons and daughters whenever they have gone out seeking to make new homes, to prepare the way for others to live with a desire to be a blessing to their kind. The same Father lives to-day.

While we are passing through many difficult times, while the approaching year is threatening to many of us, the same Father

who has blessed His children in the past still reigns in the heavens, and if we will but listen to the whisperings of that still small voice, if we will observe His laws and the laws of the land in which we live, if we will accept His blessings with gratitude, if we will evidence that we appreciate these things by living lives of righteousness and by using the intelligence God has given to us in the things that He expects us to do; I want to say to you that when the year has passed, which we now approach, we will be able to look back and say, How wonderful that He has preserved us from what appeared to be calamity! That will be our privilege if the men and women who live in this land will repent of their sins, clean up their lives and turn away from their follies and worship the true and living God, and there is no other way to bring peace into this world.

That is my testimony, and I bear it to you in love and sympathy and with a desire to be helpful, not critical. I know my Father in heaven lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God, and through him there came to us the revelations that I have read to you, and many others, and blessings that our Heavenly Father must bestow upon us through some of His children, and He chose that humble man. I know these things as I know that I live, and I bear witness of them in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(Address delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., November 6th, 1932.)

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## BIRTH OF A CHRISTIAN

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“ACTORS and poets are born not made,” is an oft-quoted maxim. Whether or not the saying is correct is open to discussion, but it is a fact that all true Christians are born. This statement, however, must not be construed in the literal, worldly sense as it applies to actors and poets. Jesus made this point clear in His reply to Nicodemus, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” In this explanation two births are spoken of, one of water and the other of spirit.

To be born of water, one must be completely buried or immersed under water; this is a symbol of death. “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into his death.” explains the Apostle Paul. This ordinance is also an emblem of birth, for as we were naturally born into this life, so through the waters of baptism we are born spiritually into the kingdom of God. But this is only half of the law—“the answer of a good conscience toward God.” We must likewise seek the rebirth of the spirit, or in other words, we must

refresh our minds, under the influence of the Spirit of God. We must cast off "the old man, Adam, and put on the new man, Christ." We must replace thoughts of hate and prejudice with those of love and regard. When a Christian is spiritually born he not only follows Christ, he obeys Him, obedience being the first great law of heaven.

"Man measures progress by numbers, by intellect, by power; but God measures it by obedience." A Christian is a person that is completely changed—reborn from the world and its sins. In such an individual there is no hurry, no fuss, no mere make-believe, nothing artificial. He is simply a child of God, our Eternal Father, one who exemplifies truth, kindness and love.

The fruits of this new birth are those promised the believers by our Lord and Master, gifts such as visions, healings, interpretations of tongues, prophecy and revelation. Surely, this newness of life is worth more than rubies, diamonds, gold or worldly honours! It brings with it all the powers of the Priesthood, without which we cannot enjoy the fulness of life and the privileges of God's kingdom. This birth is not only for the sinner that he might re-start life, but also for the righteous, that they might fulfill the Law. All the ancients, even the Christ, passed through this birth, that they might "fulfill all righteousness."

The world to-day is hopelessly lost in the sands of doubt, hate and despair. All manner of reforms are being tried. Socialism and many other "isms" are being weighed in the balance and found wanting. "O! Lord, how long shall we have to endure," is the cry of the people. And the only answer which comes echoing down through the ages from the Lord Himself is that "Ye must be born again."

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## OUR CONCERN FOR THE WAYWARD

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AS Latter-day Saints and humble followers of Jesus, do we concern ourselves enough in behalf of those wayward ones around us? Many there are who would cease to be recreant if only those around them would take an interest in their welfare. Just a helping hand or a kind word or deed would help them to regain the right course.

In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus gave us a wonderful example of forgiveness and charity. The father rejoiced because his wayward son, whom he had thought dead, had returned unto him, and he called those around to rejoice with him. The wayward one admitted his wrong and was even so repentant as to consider himself unworthy to be acknowledged as a son, and expressed himself as willing to be merely one of the hired servants.

Ofttimes we become discouraged and say, "Am I my brother's

keeper?" As Latter-day Saints we should strive to do our best to follow the Saviour, endeavouring to do all in our power to help those whom we know to be our brothers. To be true children of God we must do our best every day to follow in our weak way the example laid down by our elder brother, Jesus Christ.

"Great will be the rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner." This is illustrated by the Saviour in the parable of the woman with the pieces of silver. When she had lost one of them, she lit a candle and sought diligently to find it, and having found it, rejoiced because she had found that which was lost. How much greater is the joy of our Heavenly Father when one erring soul returns again to Him!

All during His ministry Jesus emphasized the fact that He had come to bring the sinner, not the righteous to repentance. Let us then be guided by His example and make no delay if any act or word of ours will do aught to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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### LONDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

WITH a record crowd made up of friends as well as members, the London District Conference held on Sunday, November 13th, in the Kensington Town Hall, was made successful by the presence of the European and British Mission Authorities. All three meetings conducted throughout the day offered special attractions for the persons in attendance. In the morning session, the sisters received special instructions from Sisters Leah D. Widtsoe, Elizabeth T. Wallis and Rintia P. Douglas, while the men met and discussed problems with President John A. Widtsoe.

The report given by President Robert C. Neslen in the afternoon session showed that the travelling Elders had spent 11,493 hours in active missionary labour during the past six months. Other items reported favourably were: 35 copies of the Book of Mormon, 650 other books and pamphlets, and 42,863 tracts distributed; 1,274 hours were spent in tracting from door to door. Five baptisms were performed during the six month period. Remarks given by Sisters Wallis, Douglas, Waspe and Woodbury marked the women speakers as predominant in the afternoon meeting. However, some time was occupied by members of the local Priesthood. The General Boards of the Y.M.M.I.A. and Y.L.M.I.A. were represented by Brother and Sister Arthur L. Beeley, from Salt Lake City, who spoke briefly.

Three hundred people gathered for the evening meeting, which climaxed the inspirational day. President Widtsoe, Patriarch Wallis and President Douglas were the speakers.

Special features of the conference were the two solos rendered in the evening meeting by Haydn Coffin, eminent singer, actor and writer. Mr. Coffin also spoke very favourably of a visit he

had made to Salt Lake City, of the fine treatment he had received there, and of the special honour granted him in being shown through the Temple a few days before its dedication. Beautiful numbers were also rendered by the London District Choir, under the capable direction of Dr. Ray M. Russell, with special solo work by Sister Russell.

Mission authorities and missionaries in attendance were: President and Sister John A. Widtsoe, Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, Sisters Heen Waspe, Nettie Woodbury and Elder Dennis McCarthy of the European Mission Office; President and Sister James H. Douglas and Elders Rulon D. Newell, W. Lamar Phillips, Percy L. Matthews, Russell S. Ellsworth and Leslie T. Norton of the British Mission Office; President Robert C. Neslen and Elders Howard S. Widdison, Sylvan E. Needham, Kent S. Bramwell, William Murdock, Jr., and Farron E. Cutler of the London District; President Elwood Corry and Elders Robert L. Bridge, Henry Groom and Fred W. Pulham of the Birmingham District; President Herman L. Anderson and Elders Dallas A. Berrett, W. Burke Jones, Warren M. Tingey, Joseph H. Chapman and Harold H. Sycamore of the Bristol District; President Eric J. Seach and Elders Carl G. Agren, Wheeler R. English and Arthur J. Morgan of the Norwich District; President John W. Taylor and Elders Delwin M. Clawson and Elden L. Bastian of the Portsmouth District; President Donald K. Ipson and Elders Frank R. Miller, Taylor T. Cannon, Clifford G. Green and Hugh D. Higgins of the Welsh District; Elder Allan N. Adams of the Sheffield District; President Martin R. Braithwaite of the Manchester District; and Elder Stephen L. Dunford of the Ulster District.

ROBERT C. NESLEN, Clerk of Conference.

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## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Releases and Departures:** The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission to return to their respective homes in the United States: Elder Frank J. Mozley of the London and president of the Leeds District, and Elder Frank S. Naylor, Jr., of the Bristol and Liverpool Districts, released November 19th, and Elder Ferris H. Allen of the Hull and Liverpool Districts, released December 1st. All sailed aboard the s.s. *President Harding*, December 8th.

**Doings in the Districts:** *Hull*—Relief Society of the Grimsby Branch enjoyed a Rabbit and Beef Pie supper, November 11th, at the home of Sister A. Reynolds.

*London*—The pageant, "Salvation For the Dead," was presented Saturday evening, November 12th, the day prior to the District Conference. Refreshments and novelty numbers, under the direction of the District M.I.A. Supervisor, Andre K. Anastaciou, constituted a well-balanced entertainment.

## FAITH

IF I could feel my hand, dear Lord, in Thine  
 And surely know  
 That I was walking in the light divine  
 Through weal or woe ;

If I could hear Thy voice in accents sweet  
 But plainly say,  
 To guide my trembling, groping, wandering feet,  
 "This is the way,"

I would so gladly walk therein, but now  
 I cannot see,  
 Oh, give me, Lord, the faith to humbly bow  
 And trust in Thee !

There is no *faith* in seeing. Were we led  
 Like children here,  
 And lifted over rock and river-bed,  
 No care, no fear,

We should be useless in the busy throng,  
 Life's work undone ;  
 Lord, make us brave and earnest, true and strong,  
 Till heaven is won.

SARAH K. BOLTON.

## DEATHS

WEBSTER—Sister Betsy Ellen Webster of the Darlington Branch, Newcastle District, died November 9th. Elder Vern R. Butler dedicated the grave.

BOOTH—Brother Alexander Birnie Booth, aged thirty, of the Liverpool District, died November 1st, as a result of pneumonia. He had arrived in England from Canada just two days before. Services were conducted November 5th, under the direction of Elder Ferris H. Allen and Thomas S. Harris ; and the grave was dedicated by Elder John B. Riggs.

BAILLIE—Sister Isabella F. Leggat Baillie, aged sixty-six, a faithful member of the Glasgow Branch, Scottish District, passed away October 17th. President Leonard N. Giles directed the funeral and Elder Owen S. Leishman dedicated the grave. Interment took place in the Craigh-ton Cemetery.

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